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- Great Alpine Highway
- Alpine Pacific Touring Route
- Inland Scenic Route 72
- South Canterbury Heritage Trail
- North Canterbury Food & Wine Trail

KIA ORA!

Welcome to our southern playground – a region of bustling towns & cute centres, rugged mountains & coastlines.

ARE YOU READY TO EXPLORE?

ŌTAUTAHI CHRISTCHURCH
Your basecamp for exploration.

AKAROA & BANKS PENINSULA
90min drive from Christchurch

KAIKŌURA
2.5hr drive from Christchurch

HANMER SPRINGS & HURUNUI
90min drive from Christchurch

WAIMAKARIRI
20min drive from Christchurch

ARTHUR'S PASS & SELWYN
2hr drive from Christchurch

MID CANTERBURY
60min drive from Christchurch

MACKENZIE
2.5hr drive from Christchurch

TIMARU & SOUTH CANTERBURY
2hr drive from Christchurch

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ŌTAUTAHI CHRISTCHURCH: YOUR BASECAMP FOR EXPLORATION

Christchurch Adventure Park

CANTERBURY IS THE MOST DIVERSE AND ACCESSIBLE REGION IN THE COUNTRY. DON'T AGREE? THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO FIND OUT IF WE'RE RIGHT AND IT ALL STARTS IN ŌTAUTAHI CHRISTCHURCH.

From early Ngāi Tahu settlers to modern-day innovators and city makers, our people shape our place. Ōtautahi Christchurch is a vibrant city of contrast. Landmark heritage buildings and gardens sit alongside architectural gems and revived public spaces.

The city is home to quirky culture and immense retail offerings. Laneways and hidden locations, the city is ripe for exploration and adventure. Local shops and global brands jostle for position with permanent farmers' markets and award-winning restaurants. Recognised as a global street art capital, hunt around for creative murals.

Street Art

Ōtākaro Avon River babbles through the city, guiding people past new buildings and heritage precincts. The Botanic Gardens offer visitors and residents a green sanctuary within the Four Avenues that make up the city.

Christchurch is a city of world class events, spectacular sports, blooming gardens, daring street art, and outdoor adventures. Hagley Park is an immense green space at the heart of this urban playground.

This Official Visitor Guide will help you kick off your travels in our region, and make the most of your your time here, to explore what's on offer and take it all in.

WHERE SHOULD YOU KICK THINGS OFF? ŌTAUTAHI CHRISTCHURCH – IT'S JUST THE BEGINNING.

Riverside Laneway

URBAN DAYS

The Crossing

ŌTAUTAHI CHRISTCHURCH IS THE NEWEST CITY IN THE COUNTRY, READY TO BE EXPLORED AND DISCOVERED. WONDERING WHERE TO START? HERE ARE SOME LOCAL TIPS...

City Mall

Pedestrians share this area with the famous Christchurch tram. Big ticket stores, local artisans, the Riverside Market and the Bridge of Remembrance – feel the vibe of the city.

The Terrace

Lunches on balconies overlooking the river, evenings sipping cocktails and dancing the night away – it all happens on The Terrace. Includes terraced seating down to the Ōtākaro Avon River.

SALT District

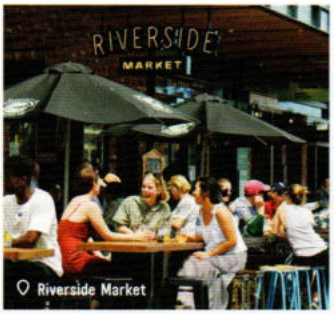
The real Christchurch, the gritty back alleys, the hip laneways – this is SALT. People in the know head to this area to hang out, eat, drink, and shop. Little High Eatery is a must for foodies.

The Arts

Refurbished stone buildings at The Arts Centre of Christchurch house slick modern stores, cinemas and exhibition spaces. For more art visit the Centre of Contemporary Art (CoCA) and the Christchurch Art Gallery Te Puna O Waiwhetū which boasts a significant national collection of modern art and the classics.

Hagley Park

Amaterrace



Riverside Market

New Regent Street

Rooftop Bars

We know we have the best scenic walks, top ice-cream spots, amazing beaches, the coolest little outdoor dining spots, and now we have rooftop bars which provide a new vantage point. Sit back, enjoy the sun, sip a local wine, and take in some spectacular views of our city and region.

Riverside

A 7-day-a-week farmers' market, hospitality hub and retail centre, Riverside is a gem in the CBD crown.

From small businesses stocking a single shelf, to the best local eateries slinging goods on the daily, a trip into town is not complete without time spent at Riverside.

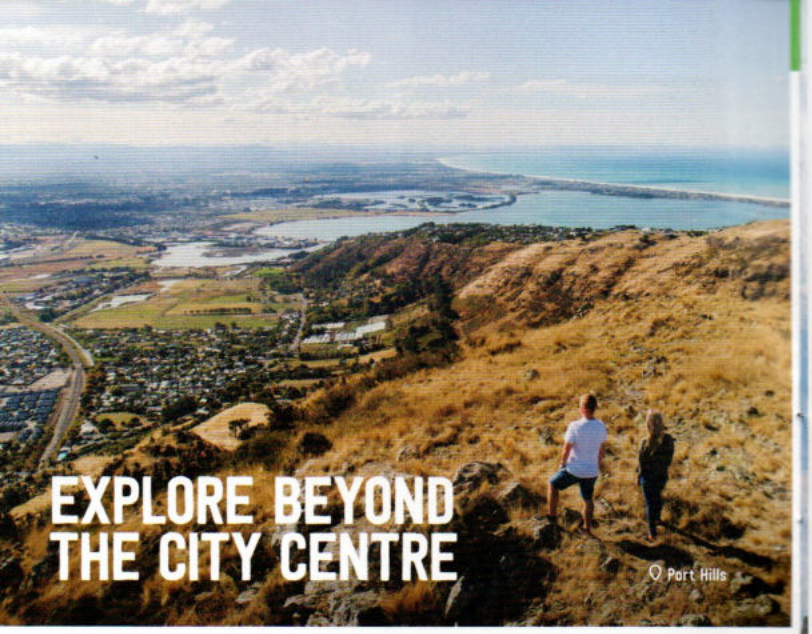
New Regent Street

It won't take long to fall under New Regent Street's charm, designed in the Spanish Mission Revival style in 1930, it is now home to a range of small speciality shops, well-known cafés, bars and restaurants.

Discover the CBD

Take in the city's numerous CBD locations and attractions. Quake City tells the story of the 2011 earthquakes, while Oi Manawa Canterbury Earthquake National Memorial offers a place of reflection and remembrance. Margaret Mahy playground is one of the country's best. Discover the natural history of Canterbury and the city's connection to Antarctica at the Canterbury Museum.

Pink Lady Rooftop Bar



ŌTAUTAHI CHRISTCHURCH HAS A THRIVING BACKYARD FULL OF EXPLORATION AND ACTIVITY. DOWNHILL MOUNTAIN BIKING, RIVER KAYAKING, SURFING AND WALKING. GET INTO IT!

Port Hills

Dominating the city skyline, the Port Hills contain hundreds of walking and cycling tracks, native forest regeneration and the famous gondola. You'll also find the Christchurch Adventure Park, an epic destination for downhill mountain biking and NZ's longest zipline!

Hagley Park

One of the world's largest urban parks, Hagley Park is defined by open green spaces, the Botanic Gardens, and the Hagley Oval cricket ground. Wander among towering trees, marvel the roses, relax on the lawns. Peaceful and close to town.

Beaches and Coastlines

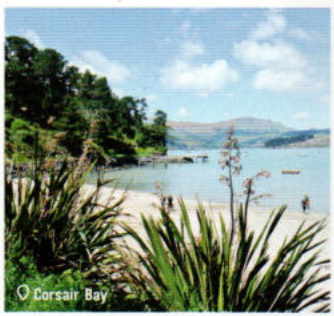
The city boasts multiple nearby beaches, the most famous being New Brighton and Sumner, both with established seaside suburbs. Explore further and discover Taylors Mistake, Waimairi Beach, and the entire coastline all the way north to Kaikōura.

Fancy a dip? Head to He Puna Taimoana in New Brighton for the city's best hot pools.

Banks Peninsula

One of NZ's most unique landforms, Banks Peninsula is a playground of scenic drives, remote bays, and quaint village vibes.

He Puna Taimoana


Corsair Bay

New Brighton

Skydiving Kiwis

Explore Akaroa for a serene escape, Le Bons Bay for an epic beach and Okains Bay for top-notch camping.

Ōtākaro Avon River

Why not take a punt or kayak along the Ōtākaro Avon River? Visit the Antigua Boat Sheds or head to one of the country's only central city kayak launch ramps, direct into the river. It's part of the Ōtākaro Avon Loop walkway on Oxford Terrace and makes it easier than ever to explore the river from water level.

Adventure

Ōtautahi Christchurch is one of the South Island's adventure capitals. Skydive over beaches, ride land yachts, climb across high-ropes courses and jump in a helicopter across the city.

Christchurch Adventure Park is a hot spot for fast action, with NZ's longest zipline and endless downhill tracks.

Check out the International Antarctic Centre to get a taste of the great icy continent.

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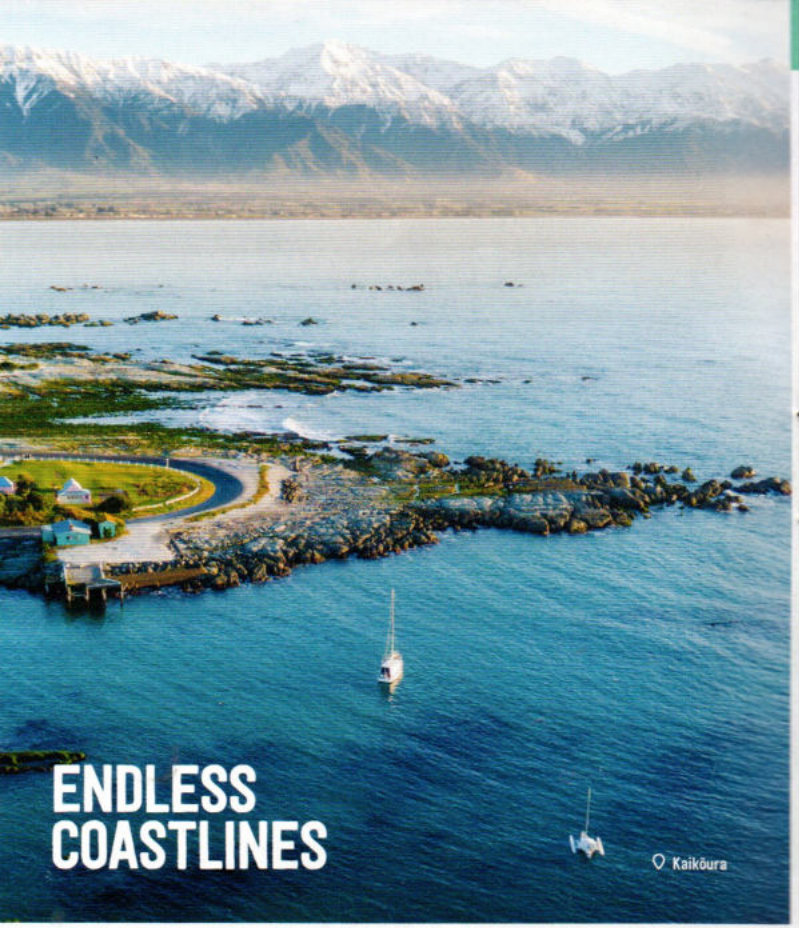


ENDLESS COASTLINES

Kaikōura

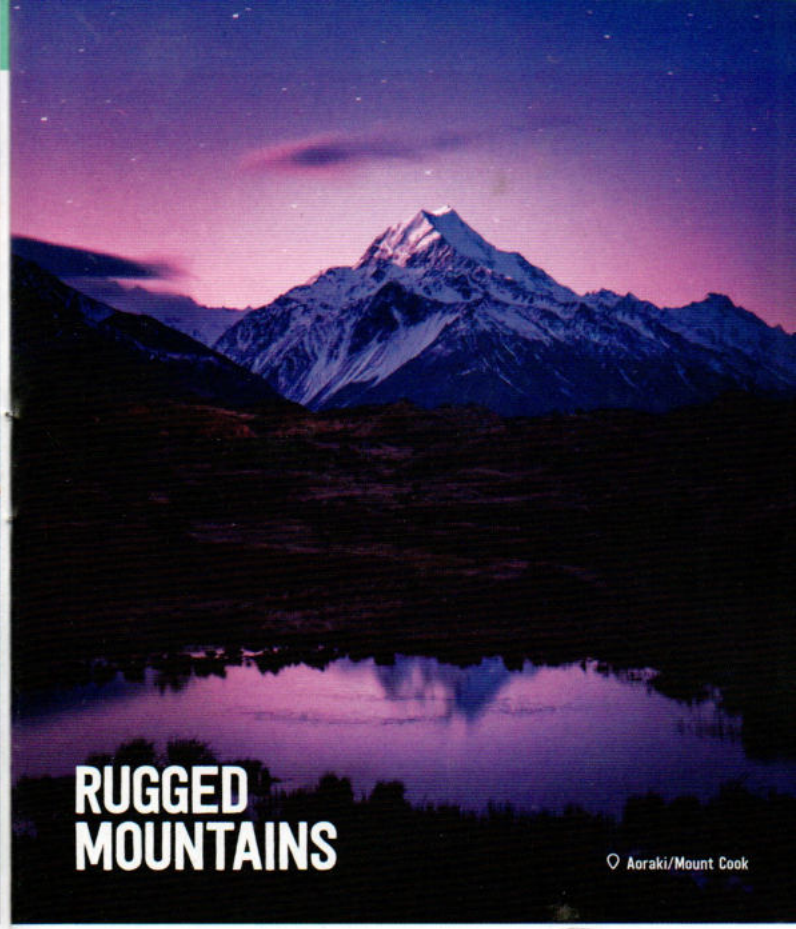
FIND A LAND OF WILDLIFE IN & AROUND OUR UNIQUE CANTERBURY COASTLINE.

Find magical places like nowhere else in the world – where rugged mountains meet the sea, and a unique ocean environment is home to an astounding variety of marine life.

Discover the storied history of Kaikōura and explore its many hidden gems. The deep trench that lies just off the coast, creates a year-round playground for a variety of marine life including sperm whales, dusky dolphins, New Zealand fur seals and albatross.

Explore the coast's culture in Kaikōura township, famous for its kaimoana (food of the sea) and its hospitality.

Find adventure on the Banks Peninsula, where you can meet the world's smallest dolphin, the Hector's dolphin, cruise in the shadow of craggy cliffs, and meander through the French-settled town of Akaroa. The Peninsula is home to more than 40 bays, many accessible through day walks and multi-day hikes.



RUGGED MOUNTAINS

Aoraki/Mount Cook

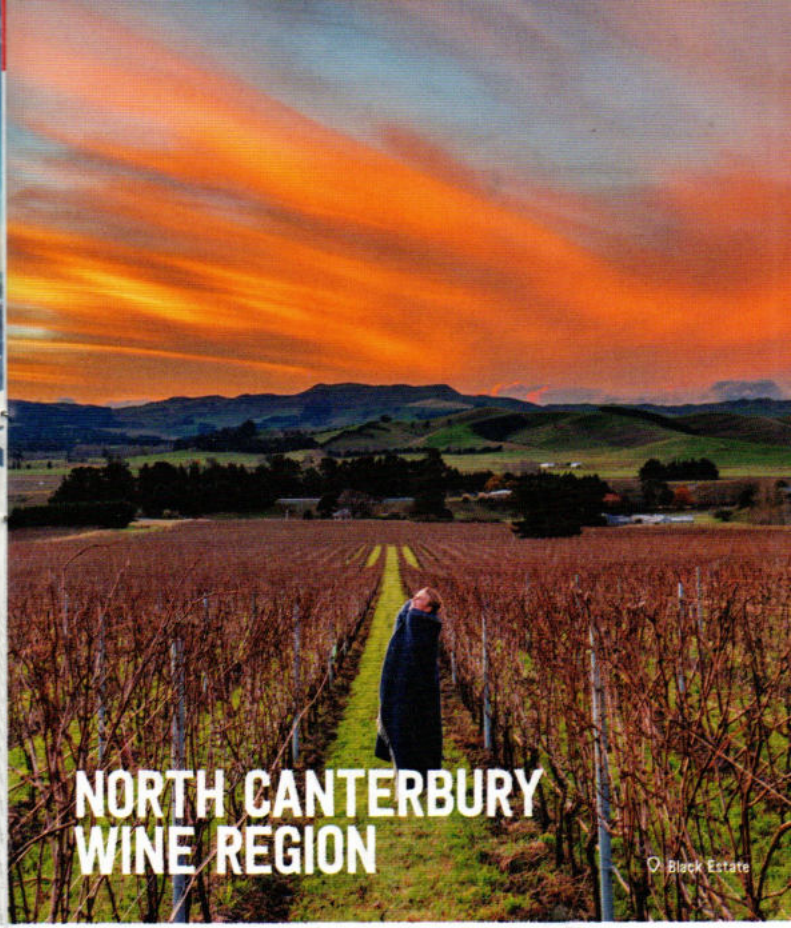
A GLOBAL SCENERY HOT SPOT – EXPLORE NEW ZEALAND'S HIGHEST MOUNTAIN, & LEGENDARY SCENERY.

Clearest starry skies, highest mountains, vivid turquoise lakes, expansive golden grasslands can be found in the legendary Mackenzie.

The Mackenzie district is the home of Aoraki/Mount Cook, Twizel and Lake Tekapo, this region is one of the most visited in all of New Zealand. Take a scenic flight into the mountains and land on glaciers; enjoy the night sky within the Aoraki Mackenzie International Dark Sky Reserve; explore the beautiful landscape by cycling, walking, kayaking, swimming, skiing and more.

Experience the beauty of the countryside on the TranzAlpine train, starting in Christchurch it makes its way into the heart of the Southern Alps. Before heading into the Otira Tunnel and over to the West Coast, it stops in beautiful Arthur's Pass.

This is a landscape that stays in your memory forever – truly one of New Zealand's most cherished treasures.



THE BEAUTY OF THE WINTER SEASON: CRYSTAL CLEAR BLUE SKY, SQUEAKY SNOW & FROSTY COLD DAYS.

When the temperature drops, Canterbury's peaks become a winter wonderland with perfect conditions for skiing and snowboarding – with more ski areas than anywhere in the Southern Hemisphere.

When you're planning your adventures on the slopes, remember to factor in some time to experience the après ski scene, from soaking in New Zealand's highest hot tub (at Mt Hutt) to tucking into a classic Kiwi burger at a sub-alpine lodge.

Winter is also the season for crystal clear nights and some of the best stargazing on the planet! Visit Christchurch's Port Hills or Mackenzie to see for yourself.

Hot pools, boutique stays & indulgence, right on Ōtautahi Christchurch's doorstep.

Is there a better way to chill and relax than in an outdoor hot pool? Equal parts luxury and serenity, the central South Island is home to some of the best in the country.

From established institutions like Maruia, Tekapo and Hanmer Springs to brand new attractions like He Puna Taimoana – this is your relaxation destination.

A PLACE FOR WINERIES & FOOD, EXCELLENCE & ADVENTURE.

Warm days. Cool nights. Dry autumns. Forget what you know about the traditional wine regions of New Zealand, north of Ōtautahi Christchurch is one of the most exciting wine destinations on the scene.

Combine family-owned vineyards with an innovative approach to viticulture, and throw in close proximity to the second largest city in the country, and you've got the North Canterbury Wine Region.

This region is home to more than 90 vineyards, most of them independently owned by a tight community of local families.

A variety of soil types makes for a varied range of product but all are expressive of their home.

All this within a few hours' drive of Ōtautahi Christchurch city, North Canterbury Wine Region is worth a day trip or an overnighter. Hire bikes and cruise the rolling hills, or find a wine tour that matches your needs. Stay overnight to make it all worth your while. It's all on offer here.

ALL WITHIN REACH OF ŌTAUTAHI CHRISTCHURCH CITY

Ferry Bridge

ŌTAUTAHI CHRISTCHURCH IS THE PERFECT BASECAMP FOR EXPLORING TE WAIPOUNAMU, OUR BEAUTIFUL SOUTH ISLAND. ARE YOU READY TO GET AMONGST IT?

Hanmer Springs & North Canterbury Wine Region

Just north of Ōtautahi Christchurch city lies a land of wine and hot pools. Hanmer Springs is the alpine village retreat famous for its hot pools, mountain biking and tranquil surroundings. The North Canterbury Wine Region is a haven of family-owned vineyards, cellar doors accessible by bicycle, and boutique stays. You haven't experienced Canterbury until you've been to these two epic destinations, within two hours of the city.

Kaikōura

Two and a half hours' drive from Ōtautahi Christchurch is Kaikōura, one of NZ's most beautiful towns, where the mountains meet the sea and deep-sea trenches create a playground for sperm whales, dusky dolphins, fur seals and albatross.

Activities galore happen on land and off shore, getting you up close with wildlife and the storied history of the region. Take some time to escape and explore.

Hanmer Springs

Kaikōura

Akaroa & Banks Peninsula

Uncover an ancient volcano filled with sparkling colours and a diverse range of experiences with nature on the doorstep.

Surrounded by natural wonders is the historic town of Akaroa, formerly a French settlement, now a character-filled village with a vibrant dining and shopping scene all in an idyllic seaside setting, just over an hour drive from Christchurch.

Be sure to take in the view from the water on a harbour cruise, kayak, yacht or paddleboard.

Arthur's Pass & Selwyn

Alpine adventure awaits those who traverse the scenic drive to Arthur's Pass.

Either by train or car, Arthur's Pass sits at the heart of the Southern Alps, between Canterbury and the West Coast, and serves as a hub for mountaineering and tramping in the area.

Tracks lead off the main road into the mountains, accessing ridgelines and waterfalls, forests and rocky outcrops.

Banks Peninsula

Arthur's Pass Village

EXPLORE OUR STUNNING SOUTH ISLAND

Hot Air Ballooning

Mackenzie

A jewel in the South Island crown; deservingly one of the most visited and photographed places in New Zealand.

Just a two and a half hours' drive from Christchurch, the region boasts the world's largest gold status international dark sky reserve, New Zealand's highest peak and largest glacier, and some of the most breath-taking scenery in the world.

Relax and unwind, take a scenic flight or adventure into the backcountry – the legendary Mackenzie has it all.

Waimakariri

The Waimakariri region is one of vast natural beauty, slower-paced country towns and desirable beach settlements – all within 20 minutes of Ōtautahi Christchurch city.

The region's town centres nestled in the heart of Rangiora, Kaiapoi, Oxford, Woodend and Pegasus have personality plus with many cultural and recreational offerings. Discover walking and cycling tracks, braided rivers, sandy beaches and bustling towns.

Mid Canterbury

Mid Canterbury offers an inspiring range of activities, complemented by genuine New Zealand hospitality.

Within an hour of Ōtautahi Christchurch you can ski, white-water raft, skydive. Or you may want to try archery, clay bird shooting or simply have a round of golf. One way to see it all is by a hot air balloon flight which provides you with a bird's eye view.

It's all here waiting at the heart of Te Waipounamu, our stunning South Island.

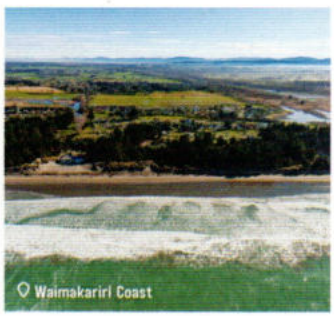
South Canterbury

A destination for families, foodies and adventure seekers, Timaru and South Canterbury are stacked with beautiful outdoor environments.

Explore ancient Māori rock art, history and heritage, outdoor adventures, fabulous fare, and great Kiwi hospitality.

Try world-class trout and salmon fishing, race down the river on a raft, or jump on a horse for some dry land adventures. Mountain bikers are fast discovering local trails.

Lake Tekapo


Waimakariri Coast

Rafting in Canterbury

South Canterbury

Bridge of Remembrance

HAERE MAI ŌTAUTAHI CHRISTCHURCH

IT'S TIME TO EXPLORE THIS REVITALISED CITY.

A refreshing urban centre full of new secrets to discover. If you haven't been here in a while, you're in for a surprise. The city has been through some massive changes in the past few years, and it's ripe for exploration.

There are waka on the Ōtākaro Avon River, skydivers over Sumner Beach, ziplines in the Port Hills and hot pools in New Brighton. The arts and culture scene is thriving, with national galleries and small-scale creative spaces, boutique cinemas and exhibitions showcasing taonga, our collective treasures.

Christchurch is just the beginning and the time has come to explore it all.

Christchurch Art Gallery Te Puna o Waiwhetū

Experience amazing art from Aotearoa, the Pacific and around the world.

Lively exhibitions, events, activities, shopping and dining – and all in a spectacular setting. Pop in to see an old favourite, or take your time exploring our rich collection of contemporary and historical art works that reflect Christchurch, New Zealand and the world.

Great art, friendly tours, interesting talks, films and fun events, family art activities, the best gift shop in town and Universo Brasserie & Bar – there's always something new to see and do at Christchurch Art Gallery.

Open 10am – 5pm daily
Wednesdays until 9pm

FREE ENTRY

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CHRISTCHURCH ART GALLERY TE PUNA O WAIWHETŪ

The Great Journeys of New Zealand

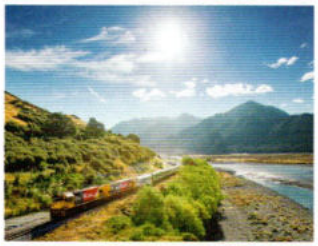
See the country like never before with one of The Great Journeys of New Zealand.

Step aboard TranzAlpine and travel across the Southern Alps to the West Coast, or head northbound along the coast to Picton and Marlborough Sounds on Coastal Pacific.

Our scenic trains feature open-air viewing carriages, guided audio tours, a licensed café and plenty of room to move. Upgrade to our new Scenic Plus experience to make your journey extra special. You'll be treated to a selection of local delicacies and regional wines throughout the journey and hear captivating commentary from our welcoming hosts.

Each of the train journeys can be booked as a same day return journey, or one way. Coastal Pacific takes just short of six hours to get from Christchurch to Picton.

Our TranzAlpine service takes five hours to reach Greymouth from Christchurch for a one-way journey. Combined with the Interislander ferry, Coastal Pacific and TranzAlpine are the best way to see the South Island. Please see online for the current timetable.



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THE GREAT JOURNEYS OF NEW ZEALAND

International Antarctic Centre

Antarctica is a land like no other, with deep blue seas, unique creatures and endless icy plains under starry skies.

A fragile place that has drawn the bravest explorers from far and wide, leaving all who visit with a passion to protect this majestic rarity, for our animals, our environment, and the future of our planet.

The International Antarctic Centre transports a slice of this astounding continent to Christchurch. Offering a range of immersive experiences that allow everyday visitors to see, touch, feel and fall in love with Antarctica. Experiences that provide a personal connection to this far-away land and transform curious explorers into dedicated advocates.

Brave an Antarctic storm, go off-road in a Hägglund, befriend a husky, mingle with the penguins, experience Antarctica from all four dimensions and leave with a head full of knowledge and a heart full of love and inspiration to take action. Just like the explorers before you.

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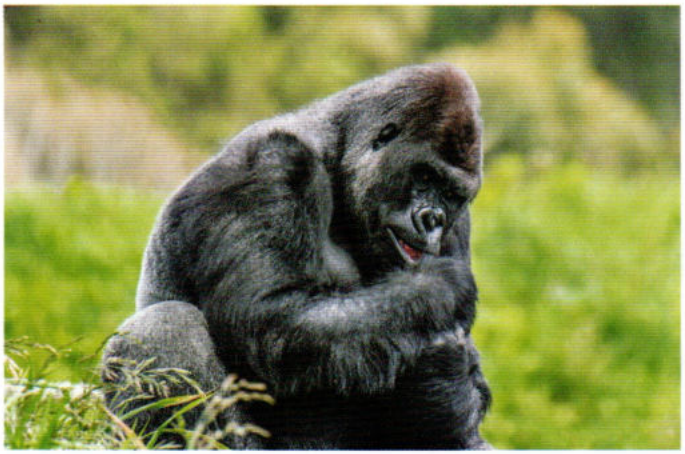
INTERNATIONAL ANTARCTIC CENTRE

Orana Wildlife Park



Orana Wildlife Park, NZ's only open range zoo, provides amazing opportunities for people to connect with wildlife.

Visitors can see NZ's only gorillas, travel through the Lion Habitat, hand feed majestic giraffe, meet mighty rhino up close, observe kiwi and encounter mischievous kea. Scheduled daily presentations mean visitors can enjoy the antics of painted dogs, cheetah, Tasmanian devils, lace monitors, friendly farmyard creatures, monkeys, meerkats and more!

Visitors can board our Safari Shuttle for a tour of the zoo or join a guided walkabout to explore the Park. A café and wildlife themed giftshop are located on-site.

Orana is operated as a registered charity. Over 95% of our income is generated through visitation and staff separately raise 100% of funds for all developments, animal transfers and involvement in key conservation programmes. Park staff are privileged to be involved in breed for release programmes for threatened NZ native wildlife such as kiwi and kākāriki karaka/orange-fronted parakeet. By visiting, you are directly supporting our important conservation work.

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ORANA WILDLIFE PARK

Riccarton House & Bush

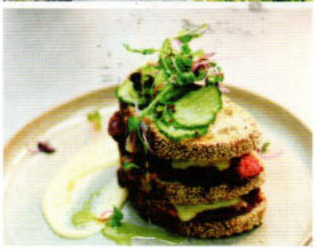
Christchurch's premier heritage attraction.

The beautifully restored homestead and stunning grounds, as well as the protected native bush are at the heart of the Christchurch visitor experience – only a short distance from the central city.

Riccarton Bush: You can wander at your leisure through the gardens or take time out to experience the uniqueness of Pūtaringamotu/ Riccarton Bush where 600-year-old kahikatea trees are standing strong.

Riccarton House: Book a guided tour to hear the tales, tragedy and triumphs of the Deans family as they established themselves at Riccarton Farm.

Farmers Market: The award-winning Christchurch Farmers Market is held each Saturday from 9am – 1pm. Created in 2004, it is still run by the original owner.



Café: We are all about fresh, seasonal, delicious fare. Enjoy meals prepared with local ingredients and a selection of Canterbury wines. We are open Monday to Friday and Sundays 9am – 4pm.

Riccarton House is also available for private bookings including weddings, private dinners, corporate functions, or cocktail parties.

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RH&B

Willowbank Wildlife Reserve

New Zealand's premier kiwi viewing experience where the kiwis are 'not behind glass' and you are guaranteed to see one.

Meet New Zealand's 'Big 5' with the kiwi, the cheeky kea, the ancient tuatara, our bush parrot the kākā and the very rare takahē. Listen to the kiwi as it forages by your feet.

Embark on a journey through the history of New Zealand. See the impact of introduced species in 'Wild NZ' and meet old livestock breeds in 'Heritage NZ.' Experience native wildlife in 'Natural NZ' and share our hope for their future.

Willowbank is a place close to both Christchurch city and the airport where culture and conservation combine.

The Ko Tāne Māori Culture Group perform within Willowbank.

Enjoy our homemade food and coffees in our bush surrounded restaurant and cafe.

Entry: Adult $32.50, Child 5 to 14 years $12, Under 5 years Free. Family passes available.

Willowbank opens daily at 9:30am.
Kiwi House opens 10:30am.
Guided Kiwi Tour leaves at 4:30pm.

Times and rates are subject to change. Check website for current information and to make bookings.

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Willowbank
your kiwi guarantee

Air Force Museum of New Zealand

Discover incredible Kiwi stories at the national museum of the Royal New Zealand Air Force.

Explore the diverse collection at your own pace through immersive exhibitions, or join a free, guided 'Behind the Scenes' tour.

View New Zealand's premier collection of historic military aircraft, embark on a museum hunt with the kids, or test your flying skills in the 'Mosquito Mission' simulator. Relax in the light and spacious café and finish up with a browse through the museum store.

FREE entry. Open daily, 9.30am to 4.30pm.

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AIR FORCE MUSEUM of New Zealand
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Alpine Jet Thrills

Alpine AirBoats: 15mins from CBD. The only USA style AirBoat in the country has redefined the concept of shallow water boating. 'Air Force 2' will have you skimming over wet stones for an experience like no other in New Zealand!

Braided Shallows JetBoat: 15mins from CBD. Explore the Braided Shallows of the Waimakariri River and experience the thrill of real Kiwi JetBoating.

Canyon Safari JetBoat: 55mins from CBD. Explore the alpine foothills on your Canyon Safari, soak up scenery that attracts movie producers to the region and marvel at the turquoise water cascading off the Southern Alps and on downstream between towering canyon cliff faces.

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ALPINE JET THRILLS

Canterbury Museum

Learn about the natural history of Canterbury, the people who have made their homes here and our connection to Antarctica. The Māori galleries display treasures and tools from Canterbury's first people. More than 1,000 pāua shells adorn the walls of Kiwiana icon Fred & Myrtle's Pāua Shell House.

Children can learn about the natural world in Discovery (entry $2).

Regular special New Zealand and international exhibitions. Store and café on-site. Daily tours at 2pm. Price: Free entry; donations appreciated.

Opening hours: Daily except Christmas Day.
9am to 5pm (April – September), 9am to 5.30pm (October – March).

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Canterbury Museum

Christchurch Adventure Park

Located just 10 minutes drive from the city centre, the Park boasts the longest chairlift in the country (1.8 km), providing views across the city, the Pacific Ocean and the Southern Alps – a selfie-spot must!

Our unmissable zipline tour, will see you flying over the forest experiencing both NZ's highest zipline and NZ's longest ziplines! The many mountain bike trails provide for riders of all abilities or you can simply enjoy nature with a walk through the forest.

Relax and unwind after your day of adventure in the café nestled in the pine forest.

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Christchurch Botanic Gardens

Founded in 1863, the historic Christchurch Botanic Gardens is one of the city's most treasured icons bringing delight and interest to over 1.1 million visitors annually. Explore one of New Zealand's finest and most important collections of mature native and exotic trees and plants collected from all over the world. Wander through historic conservatories filled with tropical flora and floral displays. Set in a tranquil 21 hectare site, this wonderful peaceful environment is a must visit to walk through or sit and relax and enjoy the garden's beauty.

Gardens open 7am. Visitor Centre open 9am-5pm (4pm winter hours) for information, toilets, refreshments & botanically themed gift shop. **Free entry.** Tours available.

A Rolleston Ave, Christchurch
P 03 941 7590
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W ccc.govt.nz/christchurch-botanic-gardens

Christchurch **Botanic Gardens**

Christchurch Casino

With all your favourite table games, an exciting range of 450+ gaming machines and a diverse selection of dining outlets, Christchurch Casino is a thrilling experience. Dedicated poker and baccarat lounges provide exciting dimensions for experienced players and novices alike.

The entertainment is not limited to gaming and dining however, with live music every weekend in the Valley Bar and Monza Sports Bar's massive 208" screen making it the complete destination. The Players Club loyalty system is instantly rewarding, offering discounts and freebies for all members, as well as $80 in value upon signing up. It's free to join and only takes a couple of minutes of your time.

A 30 Victoria St, Christchurch
P 03 365 9999
E generalenq@christchurchcasino.co.nz
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Christchurch Casino.

EntX

See the city, taste the world! EntX is entertainment central with diverse food and drink choices across 12 eateries and a state of the art HOYTS cinema complex all under one roof. Visit EntX on the corner of Lichfield and Colombo Streets, opposite the city bus exchange.

EntX Eateries: Hanoi Old Quarter, Joe's Garage, Leemo, Nando's, Ottoman Turkish Kebabs, Shanghai Street Dumplings, Roll & Bowl, Pad Thai Pan, Two Fat Indians, Boba Bear, Mexicali Fresh/Burger Wisconsin & Khmer Angkor.

A 617-649 Colombo St, Christchurch
P 03 742 7140
W entx.co.nz

Garden City Helicopters

See Christchurch city from above by helicopter. Explore the Canterbury region's wineries and local cuisine for lunches. Get up close to Sir Edmund Hillary's training ground, Aoraki/Mount Cook. Indulge in a pampering spa treatment at Hanmer Springs Thermal Pools & Spa or escape to a secluded mountain peak for a romantic picnic. Try your hand at the controls of a helicopter, take to the air with a qualified flight instructor. With over 30 years' experience Garden City Helicopters has the knowledge and experience to offer a premium aviation experience, with flight options to suit all budgets starting from $99 per person. A division of GCH Aviation.

A 73 Grays Rd, Christchurch
P 0800 359 424
E info@gchaviation.com
W gchaviation.com

Quake City

Quake City tells stories of courage and hope from the Canterbury earthquakes. This special exhibition from Canterbury Museum charts the aftermaths of the earthquakes and the responses of emergency services, international rescue teams and thousands of volunteers. The science behind earthquakes is explained, along with the phenomenon of liquefaction – when ground bubbled up burying streets and sinking buildings. Learn about some of the fun initiatives that have helped regenerate the city. Store on-site.

Price: Adults $20, children $8, concession $16. Children under 15 free with an adult. **Opening hours:** Daily except Christmas Day. 10am to 5pm.

A 299 Durham St, Christchurch
P 03 365 8375
E info@canterburymuseum.com
W canterburymuseum.com/whats-on/quake-city

Arion Farm Education Park

Experience NZ farm animals in a small farm environment that's perfect for a family picnic. Kids can hand-feed animals and learn about the breeds in a natural environment. Pony rides available.

Open every day 10am – 3pm.
Closed Christmas day.

A 890 McLeans Island Rd, Christchurch
P 021 881 279
E farmpark@nta.co.nz
W arionfarmpark.co.nz

Ballooning Canterbury

A flight with Ballooning Canterbury offers panoramic views across the fertile Canterbury Plains to the Southern Alps.

Transfers available.

A 2136 Bealey Rd, Hororata
P 0508 422 556
E info@ballooningcanterbury.co.nz
W ballooningcanterbury.co.nz

MoveX (formerly Flipout)

MoveX Arena offers you an awesome range of exhilarating indoor activities – bouncing, ice skating and Nerf or laser tag games so you can create the perfect day out for the young and young at heart. Look forward to seeing you soon!

A 230 Maces Rd, Christchurch
P 03 384 8244
E info@movex.co.nz
W movex.co.nz

Supa Karts Indoor Raceway

Visit Supa Karts Indoor Go Karting Track for your daily adrenaline dose, and high octane fun. We have something for everyone, whether you are an expert adrenaline junkie, or just learning to drive.

A 91 Buchan St, Christchurch
P 03 374 9425
E racing@supakarts.co.nz
W supakarts.co.nz

The Spirits Workshop Distillery & Cellar Door

Best known for Curiosity Gin and Divergence Whisky, the Distillery is open for tours. See the stills, meet the distillers, hear the history & the craft, soak up the smells and enjoy a guided tasting. Book online or call us.

A 11 Sandyford St, Christchurch
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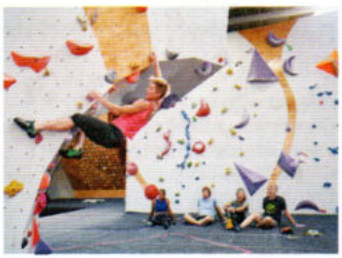
Uprising



Uprising is home to a huge bouldering gym, yoga studio, fitness gym and cafe. Bouldering at Uprising is an indoor adventure sport activity. It's fitness in disguise, challenging and fun for both the muscles and the mind. No experience necessary.

A 199 Ferry Rd, Christchurch
P 03 389 5061
E info@bouldering.co.nz
W bouldering.co.nz

Fiddlesticks Restaurant & Bar

Sophisticated, sociable and relaxed, Fiddlesticks is one of Christchurch's best retreats. This distinctive restaurant and bar provides an inviting atmosphere for whiling away some time.

A 48 Worcester Bvd, Christchurch
P 03 365 0533
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W fiddlesticksbar.co.nz

Melton Estate

Melton Estate is a boutique winery featuring a modern restaurant and event venue in West Melton, Christchurch - only 15 minutes from the airport. The winery is surrounded by Pinot Noir and gardens. Sample 9 wines amongst the vines.

A 502 Weedons Ross Rd, Christchurch
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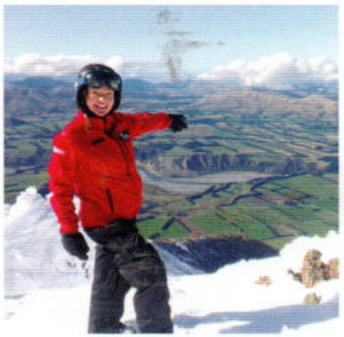
Snowman Shuttles



We offer daily transport services to Mt Hutt Ski Area from Christchurch and Methven. Full mountain packages are available including lift passes, rental equipment & lessons.

A See website for pick up locations
P 0800 766 962
E info@snowmanshuttles.co.nz
W snowmanshuttles.co.nz

Mt Brightside Rooftop Bar

Akaroa Wharf

AKAROA & BANKS PENINSULA

Pohatu Penguins

Pohatu penguins offers a wide range of unique conservation tours to share space with wildlife, rare breeds sheep and penguins. Two & four hour nature tours, evening penguin safaris, sea-kayaking safaris, hiking, 24/48 hour package farm stay within the colony.

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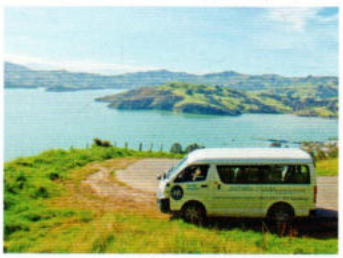
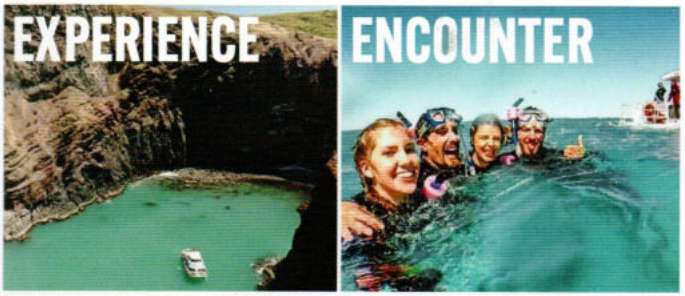


Black Cat Cruises



Eco-tourism pioneers Black Cat Cruises invite you to experience, explore and encounter wildlife in it's natural habitat. A portion of sales goes towards education & research to support Hector's dolphins. Both experiences offer a dolphin guarantee*

Akaroa Nature Cruise: Explore historic Akaroa Harbour, encounter wildlife including Hector's dolphins, seals & penguins. Complimentary tea, coffee and hot chocolate. Fantastic family pass, under 5's free, 2 hour duration.

Swimming with Dolphins: The ultimate bucket list experience to swim with NZ's Hector's dolphins. Only 12 swimmers per boat, pre-booking recommended, equipment provided. 3 hour duration. *SEE WEBSITE

A Main Wharf, Akaroa
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BLACK CAT CRUISES EST. 1985

Akaroa French Connection

Travel by luxury coach to the charming Akaroa village. Free inner city accommodation pickup.

Departs daily: Outside the Museum. From $50 adult and $30 child return.

P 0800 800 575
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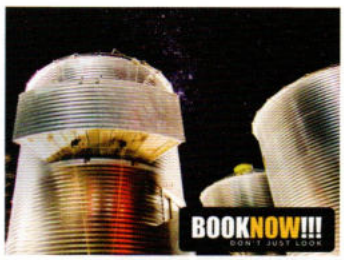
AKAROA FRENCH CONNECTION

SiloStay Little River

SiloStay has been created to make your stay in Little River as pleasurable as possible, by providing unique accommodation at reasonable rates. Re-purposed grain silos! The perfect base to explore the whole region.



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Kaikōura Peninsula

KAIKŌURA

Albatross Encounter

Come to our corner of the world, where majestic birds soar and dive over stunning waters beneath endless sky. Discover many species of albatross and pelagic birds on your Albatross Encounter tour, an unforgettable experience in one of New Zealand's most breath-taking destinations. Well known for albatross, Kaikōura is the best place in the world to see the highest number of species in one coastal location. Tours operate all year round. Superb photography opportunities while gaining insight and information about multiple species in a very short tour time.

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albatross encounter... Kaikoura, New Zealand

Kaikōura Kayaks

Kaikōura's original kayak operator – Est 1998. Experience the excitement of watching fur seals ducking, weaving, and diving around your kayak. Paddle gently along with the curious and playful seals as they swim around the Kaikōura Peninsula hunting for their favourite feed of octopus.

Continue your journey around the beautiful coastal waters with breath-taking views of sheer cliff faces, craggy rocks and mountain ranges while searching for chance encounters with dusky dolphins and blue penguins.

This memorable experience is interactive and fun and caters for families, individuals, and groups. Suitable for all ages and abilities while operating year-round and does not require any previous kayaking experience.

Using only top of the line real sea kayaks that are enclosed, safe, stable, easily steered using a rudder, while fast on the water and you will stay warm and dry.

Be ready for a true Kiwi experience you will not forget! We are Kaikōura's only kayak operator that holds a marine mammal watching permit to view dolphins, whales and seals and voted number one activity in Kaikōura by Tripadvisor travellers.

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KAIKŌURA KAYAKS
Kaikoura's Original Kayak Operator
Established 1998

Dolphin Encounter

Dolphins are some of nature's most extraordinary and captivating creatures. And they're even more amazing close-up. Immerse yourself in their world with Dolphin Encounter Kaikōura, an unforgettable experience in one of New Zealand's most breath-taking destinations. Kaikōura's dusky dolphins are regarded as the most acrobatic dolphin species on earth! Swimming or watching options are available and tours operate two to three times daily year round. All snorkelling equipment is supplied for swimming and advance bookings are absolutely essential to avoid disappointment.

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W dolphinencounter.co.nz

Kaikōura Helicopters

The view you get from the helicopter flying over the whales is like nothing you have ever experienced. Fly from the mountains to the sea and back. Land on the Kaikōura mountain ranges with stunning vistas across the Kaikōura Peninsula to the North Island. Enjoy a picnic on a mountain top or in winter land in the snow to build a snowman. Feel the adventure of Kaikōura with heli-rafting, heli-ATV adventures or heli-clay shooting Kaikōura Helicopters has a whale watching concession and Qualmark rated. We offer a premium aviation experience, with flight options to suit all budgets starting from $99 per person.
A division of GCH Aviation.

A 16 West End, Kaikōura
P 0800 455 4354
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Seal Swim Kaikōura

Swim with NZ fur seals in the shallow waters of the beautiful Kaikōura Peninsula. Once listed by Lonely Planet as one of the worlds Top 10 'Best Marine Encounters'. Tours are licensed by the Department of Conservation. All equipment supplied.
Tours operate from Nov - April.

A 58 West End, Kaikōura
P 0800 732 579
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W sealswimkaikoura.co.nz

Whale Watch Kaikōura

Whale Watch Kaikōura is New Zealand's number one company, offering visitors exciting close encounters with sperm whales year round. Our 95% success rate means we guarantee an 80% refund if your tour does not see a whale.

A 1 Whaleway Station Rd, Kaikōura
P 0800 655 121
E res@whalewatch.co.nz
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Lavendyl Lavender

Wander through Lavendyl's lavender themed ornamental gardens. The varieties of lavender in bloom vary throughout the year but there is always something to admire. Browse the shop filled with our own-made lavender and craft goods. Try our home-made lavender ice-cream, book a high tea or enjoy a drink and snack. For something a bit different book our lavender pickers picnic lunch (advance booking essential). Feed our friendly sheep - they love attention.

Dylan's Country Cottages: Relax in our peaceful, rustic cottages set in the grounds of Lavendyl. Enjoy a home-made continental breakfast including a selection of French breads and morning rolls.

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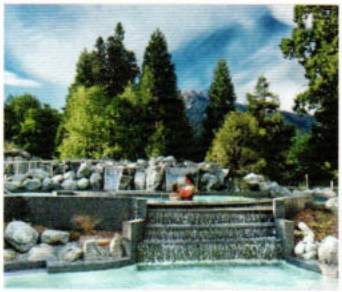
HANMER SPRINGS & HURUNUI

Hanmer Springs Thermal Pools & Spa



Our mineral-rich artesian thermal water is 173 years in the making. Multi-award winner at the New Zealand Tourism Industry Awards, Hanmer Springs Thermal Pools & Spa is the jewel in the crown of the Hanmer Springs village. No stay here could be complete without at least dipping a toe in one of the 22 fabulous open-air thermal pools. Temperatures ranging from 33–42 degrees celsius provide year-round relaxation, while the superb landscaping is the perfect complement to the area's stunning alpine scenery. For families there is a freshwater pool, a lazy river and four waterslides, including the SuperBowl mega ride and Concial Thrill ride, New Zealand's largest aquatic thrill ride.

A 42 Amuri Ave, Hanmer Springs
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Hanmer Springs
Thermal Pools & Spa

Hanmer Connection

Travel by coach to the magnificent Hanmer Springs alpine village. Daily service return $50 adult and $30 child.

Departs daily: Outside the Museum 9am - 4:30pm.

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HANMER CONNECTION

Hanmer Springs Attractions

Many adventures – one location!

Hanmer Springs Attractions offers you the outdoor adventure activities New Zealand is famous for in a beautiful alpine environment just 90 minutes north of Christchurch.

Jet Boat: Enjoy the spectacular scenery along the Waiau River as you blast through narrow gorges, white water rapids and braided shallows.

Bungy Jumping: Experience the adrenaline high as you leap from the historic Ferry Bridge and free fall for 35 metres.

Rafting: Relax on a Grade 2 rafting adventure as you paddle down a crystal-clear river. Perfect for families.

Quad Bikes: Challenge the terrain, riverbed creek crossings, mud and farmland trails.

Canoes: Take a leisurely journey down a mountain river with a picnic lunch on the riverbank.

Paintball: Load up your gun and aim at your friends in this fun and challenging battlefield environment.

Clay Bird Shooting: Test your aim, skill and judgement as you shoot clay targets in this safe and exciting activity.

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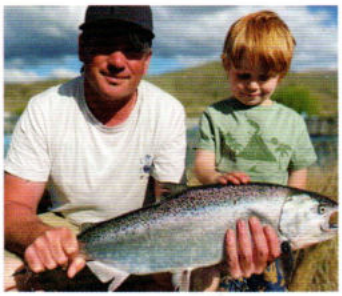
High Country Salmon



The freshest glacial mountain salmon you can eat, catch or purchase! A salmon-lover's paradise situated 3km south of Twizel, and halfway between Christchurch and Queenstown. Visitors can dine in our unique floating cafe, on a wide range of dishes including sashimi, sushi, chowder, burgers, or a salmon and cheese platter. The new Catch-A-Fish experience gives you the opportunity to catch your own glacial mountain salmon while your family and friends watch (see our website for more information). The salmon shop has a wide range of fresh, cured and smoked salmon to take home with you.

Open from 9am daily (except Christmas Day) – see website for seasonal closing times.

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E sales@highcountrysalmon.co.nz
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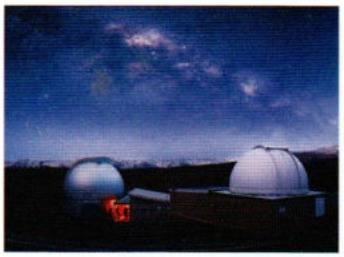
Dark Sky Project Stargazing



World-leading stargazing and astronomy experiences. Enjoy New Zealand's premier stargazing attraction at Mt John Observatory, & our new daytime multimedia Dark Sky Experience.

A 1 Motuariki Ln, Lake Tekapo
P 03 680 6960
E info@darkskyproject.co.nz
W darkskyproject.co.nz

Tekapo Springs & Tekapo Star Gazing

By day, experience total relaxation soaking in our three hot pools nestled next to beautiful Lake Tekapo. By night, enjoy the ultimate in stellar relaxation, the only guided exclusive hot pools & stargazing experience in NZ.

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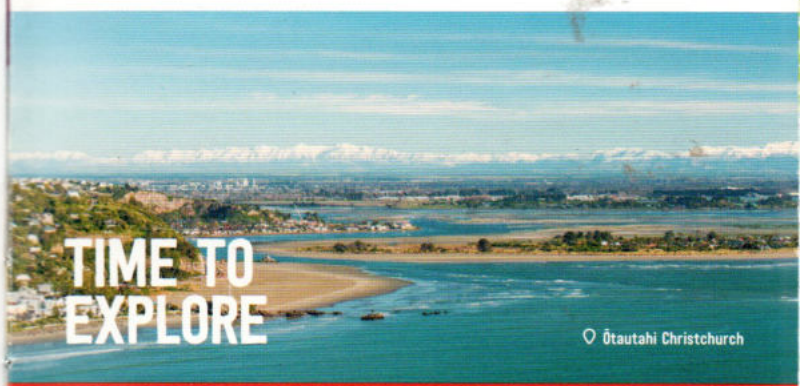

From festivals and events, to galleries and shopping, **Ōtautahi Christchurch is your basecamp for exploration.**

The heart of the South Island is ready to welcome you, ready to be discovered, ready to be experienced. Our local businesses are proud, our experiences unique. It's time to explore Ōtautahi Christchurch and Waitaha Canterbury.

What are you waiting for? Check out **explorechc.com** for more travel inspiration.

LOCAL BUSINESSES & ATTRACTIONS

- 33 185 Empty Chairs
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- 25 The Piano (centre for music & arts)
- 39 The Welder
- 12 The Terrace
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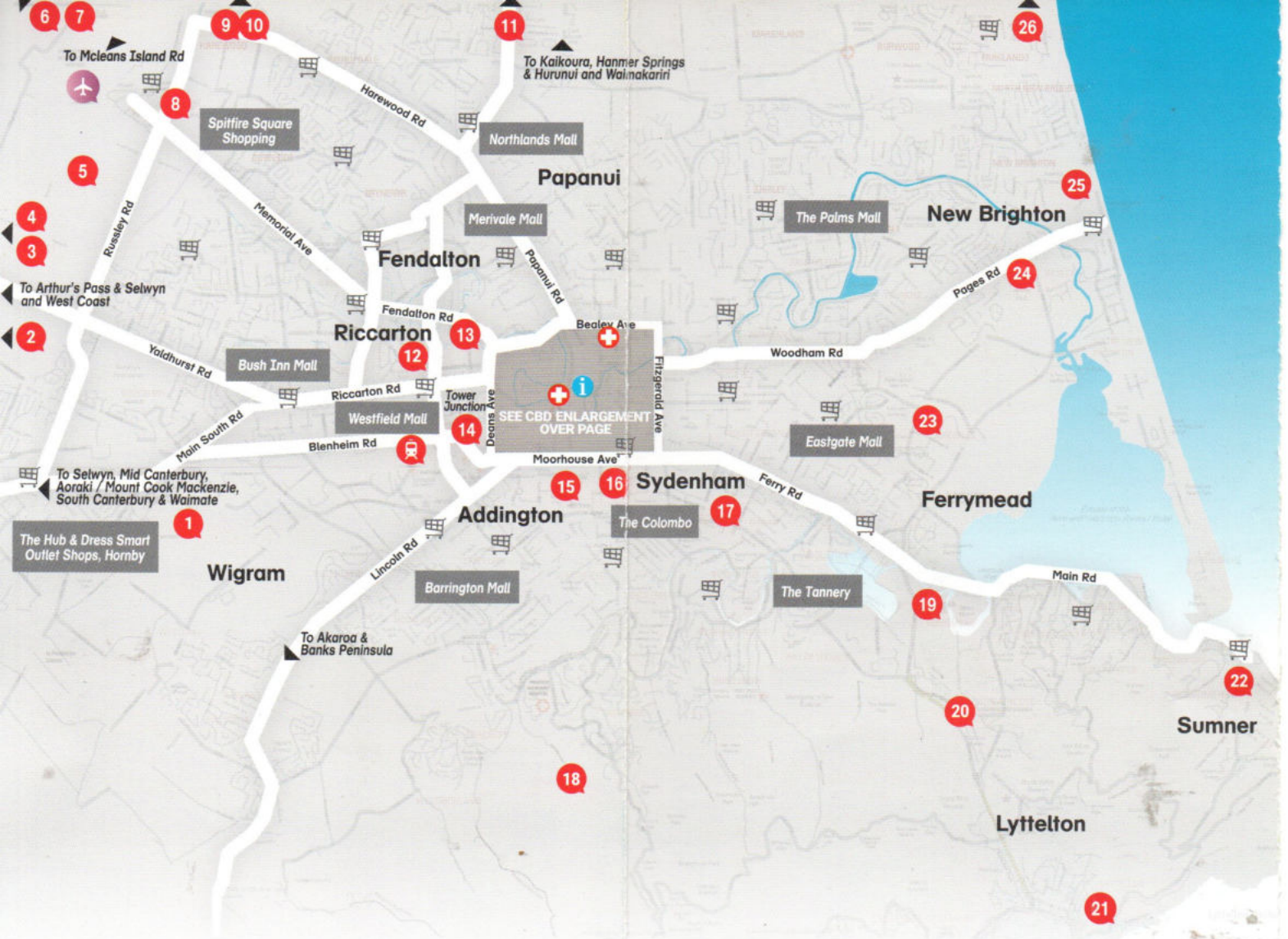

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